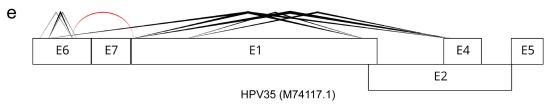
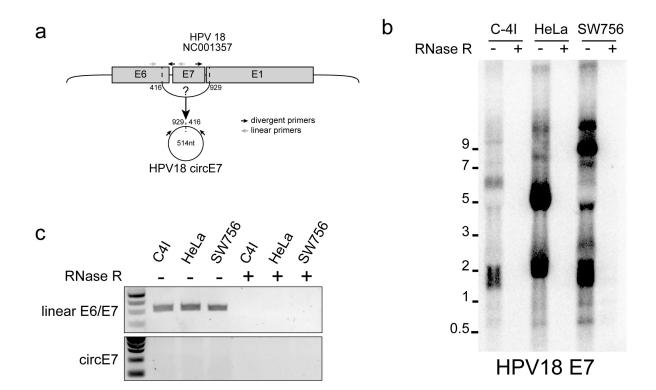


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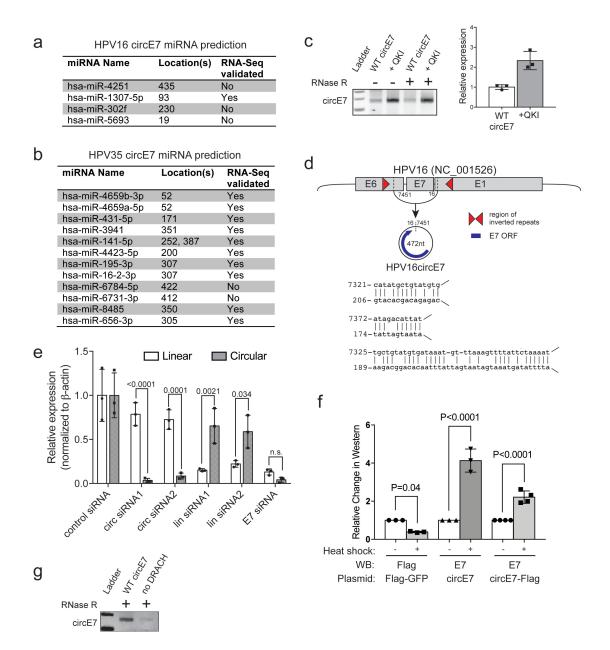


Supplementary Figure 1. Identification of HPV circRNA. (a) Schematic demonstrating the rationale for concatenation of linearized viral genomes in the vircircRNA pipeline. This strategy allows for the accurate identification of both back and forward splices. (b) Criteria employed by vircircRNA to identify splice sites. (c) Schematic and formula used to calculate backsplice ratios. (d) Type, genome, and risk category of HPV genomes used in vircircRNA analysis. (e) Summary of HPV circRNAs identified in SRA datasets including location, genes contained in putative circRNA, read count, and backsplice ratio. (f) Diagram generated by vircircRNA summarizing splicing events identified for HPV35. Lines indicate linear splicing; arcs indicate circular splicing; thickness=log<sub>2</sub>(read count); red highlights circE7.

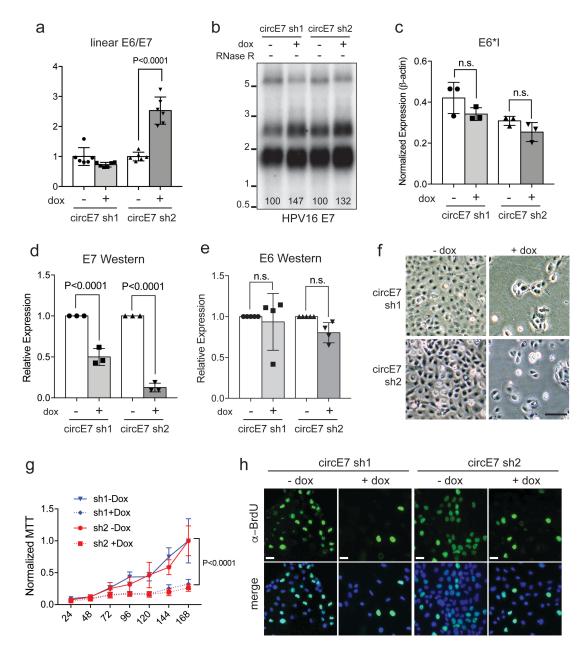


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d	Sample	Virus	Backsplice	Genes	Read count				
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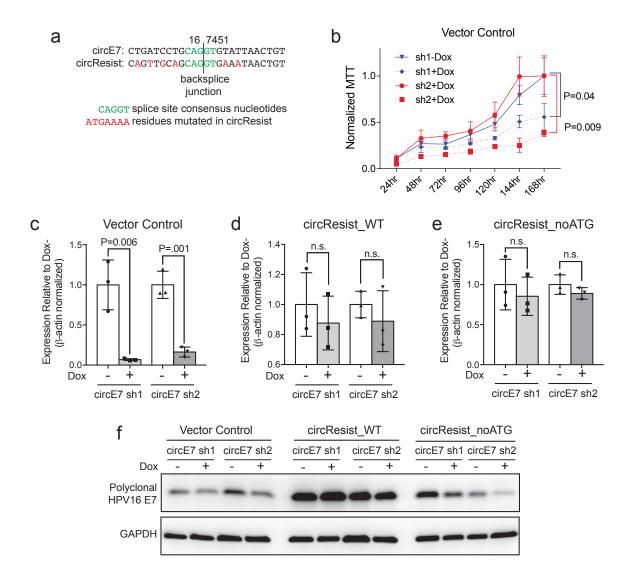
Supplementary Figure 2. HPV18 circE7 is rare in HPV18+ cell lines. (a) Predicted size and formation of HPV18 circE7. Splice sites were derived from the analogous splice sites in HPV16. Arrows indicate primers used to detect linear E6/E7 and circE7. (b) RT-PCR of random hexamer primed total RNA with or without RNase R treatment reveals loss of linear mRNA. A product consistent with HPV18 circE7 was not detected. (c) Northern blot using HPV18 E7 as a probe identifies did not identify RNase R resistant bands in HPV18+ cell lines. Total RNA after mock treatment (8 $\mu$ g) or after RNase R treatment (20 $\mu$ g) from the indicated HPV18+ cell line. (d) RNA-Seq from SW-756 revealed the presence of low amounts of several HPV-derived circRNA including a species consistent with HPV18 circE7.



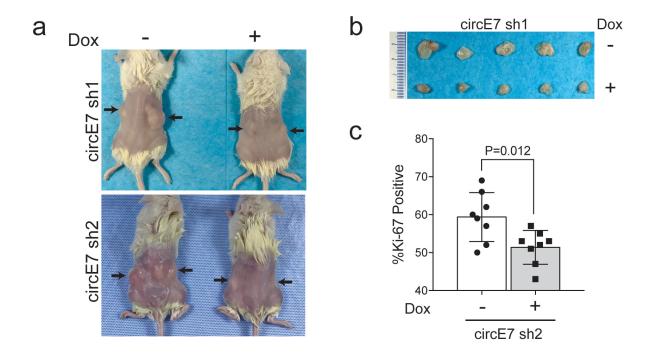
**Supplementary Figure 3. Properties of circE7. (a-b)** Predicted miRNA binding sites in HPV16 circE7 (a) and HPV35 circE7 (b) (mirDB). No miRNAs are predicted to be conserved between the circE7. **(c)** RT-PCR demonstrates that quaking (QKI) sites increase, but are not required for, circE7 generation from pcDNA3.1-circE7. Endpoint (top) and qRT-qPCR (bottom) from 293T cells reveals that QKI sites increase circE7 formation by >2 fold. Results are representative of 3 independent experiments. **(d)** Schematic indicated several regions of inverted repeats flanking the predicted circE7 product. **(e)** RT-qPCR from 293T cells cotransfected with pcDNA3.1-circE7\_FLAG and the indicated siRNAs reveals that siRNA targeting the circE7 backsplice junction (circ) significantly target the circRNA isoform over linear E6/E7; lin siRNAs significantly deplete the linear mRNA; and E7 siRNA depletes both isoforms. **(f)** Quantitation of band density of Western blots for FLAG and HPV16 E7 from 293T cells transfected with the indicated plasmid (Fig. 2D). Values normalized to the control (no heat shock) cells which were not subjected to heat shock (2 hr at 42°C, 2hr recovery). **(g)** RT-PCR demonstrates that DRACH sites in the circE7 are necessary for efficient circE7 generation. Data are shown as mean ± s.d. *P* values (indicated above relevant comparisons) were calculated with two-tailed *t* test (f) and one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Holm-Sidak tests (c,d).



Supplementary Figure 4. Functions of circE7 in vitro. (a) RT-PCR for linear E6/E7 in CaSki with or with induction of circE7 sh1/2. Induction of circE7 sh2 results in a significant *increase* of linear E6/E7 transcripts. (n= 3 independent experiments). (b) Northern blot of total RNA (4  $\mu$ g) from CaSki cells with or without circE7 sh1/2 induction (2 days). Numbers (bottom) indicate quantitation of band density normalized to the uninduced control. (c) RT-qPCR for E6\*I transcript in CaSki with or with induction of circE7 sh1/2. Induction of circE7 sh1/2 does not significantly change E6\*I transcript abundance. (d) Quantitation of band density of Western blots for HPV16 E7 from CaSki cells with or without circE7 sh1/2 induction. Values normalized to the uninduced condition. (e) Quantitation of band density of E6 from WB from CaSki cells with or without circE7 sh1/2 induction. Values normalized to the uninduced condition. (f) Differential interference contrast (DIC) images of CaSki with and without dox induction of circE7 sh1/2 (5 days). Bar,  $50\mu$ m. (g) MTT assay of CaSki circE7 sh1/2 cells with and without doxy induction. MTT values normalized to the uninduced (-Dox) condition. (h) Representative images of BrdU and DAPI staining from CaSki with and without dox induction circE7 sh1/2. Bar,  $10\mu$ m. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  s.d. P values (indicated above relevant comparisons) were calculated with one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Holm-Sidak tests.



Supplementary Figure 5. Expression of shRNA resistant circE7 (circResist). (a) Schematic of mutations made for shRNA resistant circE7 (circResist). Green text indicates residues important for splice site formation. Red text indicates residues mutated in circResist. (b) CaSki were doubly transduced with an empty vector control and circE7 sh1/2. MTT assay of circResist\_noATG cells with and without Dox induction. MTT values normalized to the uninduced (-Dox) condition. (c) RT-qPCR for circE7 in vector control CaSki with or with induction of circE7 sh1/2. Induction of sh1/2 results in a significant decrease of circE7 transcripts. (n= 3 independent experiments). (d-e). RT-qPCR for circE7 in (d) circResist\_WT or (e) circResist\_noATG CaSki with or with induction of circE7 sh1/2. Induction of sh1/2 does not result in a significant decrease of circE7 transcripts. The slight decrease in circE7 levels results from targeting of endogenous, but not circResist, circE7 transcripts (n= 3 independent experiments). Data are shown as mean ± s.d. P values (indicated above relevant comparisons) were calculated with two-tailed t test (b-e).



Supplementary Figure 6. Functions of circE7 in vivo. (a) Representative images of NSG mice xenografted with CaSki circE7 sh1/2 with or without dox induction. Arrows indicate tumors. (b) Dissected CaSki tumor xenografts from mice that were given water with or without doxycycline (1mg/ml) (c) Scoring of Ki-67 staining of CaSki sh2 xenograft tumors with or without circE7 sh1/2 induction. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  s.d. P values (indicated above relevant comparisons) were calculated with two-tailed t test (c).